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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN REACTION TO PARMUNJOM INCIDENT

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1. ROMANIAN MEDIA TREATMENT OF PANMUNJOM INCIDENT HAS FEATURED PUBLICATION OF BRIEF BUT BIASED NORTH KOREAN PRESS AGENCY ACCOUNTS OF AUGUST 18 INCIDENT AND SUBSEQUENT FOLLOW-UP PROPOSALS AND MEETINGS (SCINTEIA, AUGUST 20, 21, 22 AND 27). THESE WERE JUXTAPOSED WITH OCCASIONAL EVEN BRIEFER UPI AND AP ITEMS (SCINTEIA, AUGUST 20 AND 21), ALL WITHOUT ANY KIND OF EDITORIAL COMMENT.

2. OFFICIAL REACTION HAS BEEN EVEN SPARSER WITH MFA NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS COUNSELOR PLEADING IGNORANCE
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OF AFFAIR AND OTHER OFFICIALS OBVIOUSLY NOT WISHING

TO DISCUSS IT. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH AIR
ATTACHE, ONE HIGH-RANKING ROMANIAN MILITARY OFFICER
WAS DIGGING FOR INFORMATION ON SUBJECT, BUT REFUSED
TO OFFER ANY COMMENT HIMSELF.

3. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH A CO-SPONSOR OF UN "HOSTILE"
KOREAN RESOLUTION AND NORMALLY A STAUNCH DEFENDER OF
NORTH KOREAN ACTIONS, THE ROMANIANS CLEARLY HOPE TO
AVOID ANY EXPRESSION OF APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF
PANMUNJOM INCIDENT, AS OFFICIAL SILENCE AND CAUTIOUS,
ALBEIT ONE-SIDED PRESS TREATMENT INDICATES.
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